

# Before the COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of	)	
Distribution of the 2011 Cable Royalty Funds	)	Docket No. 2012-9 CRB CD 2011

## PUBLIC TELEVISION CLAIMANTS' COMMENTS ON EXISTENCE OF PHASE I AND PHASE II CONTROVERSIES

Pursuant to the notice issued by the Copyright Royalty Board ("CRB") and published at 78 Fed. Reg. 4169 (Jan. 18, 2013), the Public Broadcasting Service ("PBS") hereby provides comments on behalf of public television stations and copyright owners of programs broadcast by public television stations that are retransmitted by cable operators (the "Public Television Claimants").

The Copyright Royalty Judges ("Judges") seek comments relating to the Phase I Claimants' motion (filed on December 12, 2012) requesting a partial distribution of 50% of the 2011 cable royalty funds. In addition, the Judges have asked the copyright claimant groups to advise as to the existence and extent of any Phase I or Phase II controversies relating to the funds that would remain if the partial distribution is granted.

PBS joins and incorporates the joint Comments of the Phase I Parties filed with the CRB today. As explained in those comments, Phase I controversies exist at the present time among the Phase I Parties as to the distribution of the 2011 royalty funds. PBS does not believe that the controversies identified in those comments preclude the partial distribution of royalties requested in the Motion of Phase I Claimants for Partial Distribution. In addition, PBS is not aware of any Phase II controversies with respect to the Public Television Claimants' share of the

2011 cable royalty funds that would require resolution by the Judges or the withholding of any of those royalties.<sup>1</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald G. Dove, Jr.

D.C. Bar No. 430533

Lindsey L. Tonsager

D.C. Bar No. 983925

Covington & Burling LLP

1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20004-2401

Phone: (202) 662-5685

Fax: (202) 778-5685

rdove@cov.com ltonsager@cov.com

.....

Marc Mangum Virginia Bar No. 44935

Assistant General Counsel

Public Broadcasting Service

2100 Crystal Drive

Arlington, VA 22202-3785

Telephone: (703) 739-8658

memangum@pbs.org

Counsel for the Public Broadcasting Service and the Public Television Claimants

February 19, 2013

PBS reserves the right to identify Phase II controversies in response to the outcome of any Phase I proceedings, in response to any filings of other claimants, or as the result of further investigation.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lindsey L. Tonsager, hereby certify that on this 19th day of February, 2013, I caused copies of the foregoing "Public Television Claimants' Comments on Existence of Phase I and Phase II Controversies" to be served by Federal Express on the following parties:

#### **COMMERCIAL TELEVISION CLAIMANTS**

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF **BROADCASTERS**

John I. Stewart, Jr. Jennifer H. Burdman Ann Mace CROWELL & MORING LLP 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20004-2595

#### JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS

Robert Alan Garrett Stephen K. Marsh James R. Wood ARNOLD & PORTER LLP 555 Twelfth Street NW Washington, DC 20004-1206

#### PROGRAM SUPPLIERS

Gregory O. Olaniran Lucy Holmes Plovnick MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP 1818 N Street NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20036

#### **CANADIAN CLAIMANTS**

L. Kendall Satterfield FINKELSTEIN THOMPSON LLP 1077 30th Street NW Washington, DC 20007

#### MUSIC CLAIMANTS

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, SESAC, INC. **AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS**

Joan M. McGivern Samuel Mosenkis **ASCAP** One Lincoln Plaza New York, NY 10023

John C. Beiter SHACKELFORD, ZUMWALT & HAYES 1014 16th Avenue South Nashville, TN 37212

#### **BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.**

Joseph J. DiMona BROADCAST MUSIC, INC. 7 World Trade Center 250 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10007-0030

Michael J. Remington Jeffrey J. Lopez DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP 1500 K Street NW – Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

Joyce Slocum Gregory A. Lewis NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO 635 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20001-3753

#### **DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS**

Clifford M. Harrington
PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW
PITTMAN LLP
2300 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20037

Edward S. Hammerman HAMMERMAN, PLLC 5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW Suite 440 Washington, DC 20015-2052

Wendell R. Bird, P.C.
Jonathan T. McCants
BIRD, LOECHL, BRITTAIN & McCANTS,
LLC
1150 Monarch Plaza
3414 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30326

Arnold P. Lutzker
Allison L. Rapp
Jeannette M. Carmadella
LUTZKER & LUTZKER LLP
1233 20<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 703
Washington, DC 20036

W. Thad Adams III SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, LLP First Citizens Bank Plaza 128 South Tryon Street, Suite 1800 Charlotte, NC 28202-5013

George R. Grange, Esq. Kenneth E. Liu, Esq. GAMMON & GRANGE, P.C. 8280 Greensboro Drive, 7th Floor McLean, VA 22102

#### **IPG**

Brian D. Boydston PICK & BOYDSTON LLP 10786 Le Conte Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90024

#### WORD OF GOD FELLOWSHIP, INC.

Gregory H. Guillot GREGORY H. GUILLOT, P.C. 13455 Noel Road, Suite 1000 Dallas, TX 75240 Lindsey L (Tonsager

•

.

.

#### Keys, LaKeshia

From:

crb

Sent:

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 3:02 PM

To: Cc: 'Tonsager, Lindsey'; crb Dove, Ronald; crb

Subject:

RE: Distribution of the 2011 Cable Royalty Funds, Docket No. 2012-9 CRB CD 2011

Ms. Tonsager:

The CRB has received your message with Public Television Claimants' comments attached.

Sincerely,

Copyright Royalty Board

From: Tonsager, Lindsey [mailto:ltonsager@cov.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 2:34 PM

To: crb

Cc: Dove, Ronald

Subject: Distribution of the 2011 Cable Royalty Funds, Docket No. 2012-9 CRB CD 2011

Please find attached the Public Television Claimants' Comments on Existence of Phase I and Phase II Controversies, which we are filing electronically today in the above-referenced docket.

Please reply back as confirmation that this message has been received.

Best,

Lindsey L. Tonsager

Lindsey L. Tonsager | COVINGTON & BURLING LLP 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20004-2401 Tel: 202.662.5609 | Fax: 202.778.5609 | Itonsager@cov.com

This message is from a law firm and may contain information that is confidential or legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please immediately advise the sender by reply e-mail that this message has been inadvertently transmitted to you and delete this e-mail from your system. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Keýs, LaKeshia

From:

crb

Sent:

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 3:02 PM

To:

Barnett, Suzanne; Roberts, William; Strasser, Richard; Giuffreda, Gina

Cc:

Keys, LaKeshia; crb

Subject: Attachments:

FW: Distribution of the 2011 Cable Royalty Funds, Docket No. 2012-9 CRB CD 2011

PTV Claimants' Comments on Existence of Phase I II Controversies.pdf

From: Tonsager, Lindsey [mailto:ltonsager@cov.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 2:34 PM

To: crb

Cc: Dove, Ronald

Subject: Distribution of the 2011 Cable Royalty Funds, Docket No. 2012-9 CRB CD 2011

Please find attached the Public Television Claimants' Comments on Existence of Phase I and Phase II Controversies, which we are filing electronically today in the above-referenced docket.

Please reply back as confirmation that this message has been received.

Best,

Lindsey L. Tonsager

Lindsey L. Tonsager | COVINGTON & BURLING LLP 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20004-2401 Tel: 202.662.5609 | Fax: 202.778.5609 | ltonsager@cov.com

This message is from a law firm and may contain information that is confidential or legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, please immediately advise the sender by reply e-mail that this message has been inadvertently transmitted to you and delete this e-mail from your system. Thank you for your cooperation.